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Ms. Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk
Public Service Board
112 State Street, Drawer 20
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RE: Street-lighting Tariffs

Dear Ms. Whitney:

In response to your memorandum dated April 15, 2009, the Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya Inc. ("VMPD") offers the following information regarding its current street-lighting tariff and its future plans in connection with street-lighting.

VMPD tariff number 3 (entitled street, highway and security lighting rate) applies to VMPD owned and maintained mercury vapor streetlights. At this time, the Town of Proctor and a small number of individual customers (less than ten) take service under that tariff. It appears that the current VMPD tariff would not apply to the situation contemplated by the Board's letter, that is, the Town owning streetlights of a new technology.

VMPD proposes to evaluate any necessary tariff changes in connection with the issue raised by the Board in conjunction with other issues in connection with mercury vapor street-lighting technology obsolescence. Specifically, the mercury vapor technology is aging and replacement parts, particularly ballasts, are not available. VMPD is evaluating various street-lighting technologies and, once the best option(s) are determined, VMPD proposes to submit recommendation(s) to the Town of Proctor for discussion and approval. One option that would be included is the one described in the Board's letter: new technology and customer ownership. Given that VMPD only serves one town with street-lighting service, it seems most efficient to decide on ownership and technology prior to making tariff changes that may be unnecessary. If tariff changes are determined to be in order, VMPD will undertake to evaluate the changes and implement them in accordance with PSB rules relating to tariffs.

Should you or the Board require anything further or have any questions in connection with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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